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# REPORTER HACK IN HEADLINE HORROR!

WHEN A SHOPKEEPER RUNS OUT OF GOODS TO SELL HE ORDERS SOME MORE FROM THE MANUFACTURER. BUT WHAT DOES A NEWSPAPER DO WHEN IT RUNS OUT OF NEWS? THE ANSWER IS EASY - IT MANUFACTURES IT!!! OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT "THE REPORTER" DID A FEW WEEKS AGO WITH AN ARTICLE ABOUT THE WEST END HEADLINED: "POLICE REJECT 'FAGIN' FEAR IN WEST END".

It certainly caught the eye. The whole area in fear and trembling of a gang of young hooligans organised by an evil adult!

BUT -

The only evidence the "Reporter" had to back-up its scare-mongering was a few of the usual completely uninformed (and un-named) people.
It was hardly surprising then that the police "denied" these "fears".

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The Reporter's article helped to perpetuate the myth held in other parts of Tameside that the West End is a sort of cross between Harlem and the Gorbells. But the West End, as we know, is not that kind of place. It is full of decent people making do in pretty poor conditions.
We've got our problems- and WEB is the first to point them out - but it's not 'hell on earth' round here, or anything like it, and its an insult to the people of this area to pretend that it is just for the sake of a cheap headline and a few sales.

## automnfair

The Committee of the West End Community Centre were delighted with the results of their Autumn Fair. £350 was raised by various organisations that use the Centre towards the fund to build toilets downstairs for the disabled and a new fire escape from the top floor.
The Committee thank the many organisations that helped out on the two days especially the playscheme, WEB, West Park Residents Assoc., Mrs. Clayton, The Sunshine Club, Arts and Crafts, Mums & Tots, and a special thanks to Hills Biscuits who very kindly donated biscuits for the teas.
Margaret Craven.

Roy Sandiford, 14 Bollington Close (Secretary).
"I say we should have a skateboarding bowl on Chester Square roundabout."
Philip Brown, 91 Ryecroft House (Chairman).
"I think we should have a bowl in West End park, on the dis-used bowling green."
David Roberts, 3 Rothsay Avenue (Foreman).
"I think we should have a bowl in a place where the kids can sit and watch the skateboards."
Anthony Metcalfe, 131 Mossley Road. (Nurse Sykes).
"I think we should have a bowl in the old Ashton baths, due to it not being used and it looks a great place to have one."
Manzy Fitzpatrick, 3 Trafalgar Square.
"I think we should have a bowl in West End park because it is a favourite spot."
Eric Williamson, 3 Mount Close. (Knowall)
"I think we should have one because it is getting a good, well known sport. In America, where it began, the kids are very good and we could have a chance of catching them."

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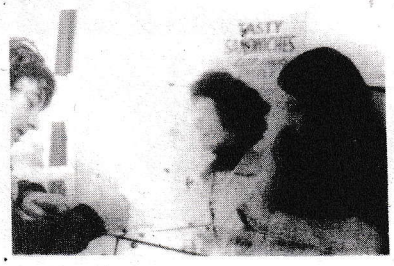
# What Do You Think Of It So Far?

The baby's one year old at last. So we went out onto the streets to get the views of people who read WEB but haven't got around yet to writing to it. Honest, we didn't pay them to be nice! We asked everyone to be as critical as they liked, but everybody said they liked it. In fact, we had to go and look for someone who disliked it and he wouldn't be photographed. (scared of being mobbed by millions of WEB fans?! !)



Mrs. Berry and Mrs. Park of Smiths Bakery, Stockport Rd. "It's alright, we sell a few in here. It tells you about the area. I like the cartoons best, especially Pelador, A lot of people come in and ask for it."

D. Appleton, Head girl at West End School. 101 Cambridge St. "I go to West End school and I liked the article you did on the school in the last issue, especially the old people's memories of school in the past. I always do the crossword. I don't have any criticisms."

## Readers say WEB is ...

Mrs. Crane, 48 Bennett St. "I didn't think it could be done before I saw it and I've lived in the area all my life, I'm 82. It's done very well."

## ... fantastic!

Margaret Ingham, 6 Beech Gr. "I read it regularly, I like the variety of information and articles about the area. I was glad to see the article on the conditions on Hawthorn and Beech Groves because I live there."

Brenda Hildretch
Tameside General Hospital

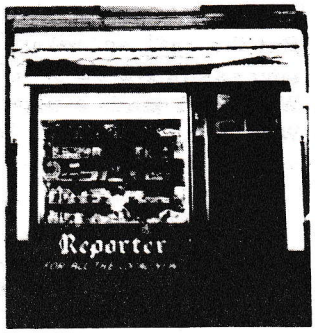
'Fantastic paper. It brings out the problems in the area and helps to solve them. This paper travels all over Tameside and I am always very eager to get hold of one it makes very good reading.'

John Minshull, 10 Kelvin St. "A very good paper, I read all of it. I enjoy reading it. I can't think of any criticism to make of it."

## ... rubbish!

Brian Howarth. "It's quite interesting. I think its a good idea, it lets people know what is going on and what can be done to make things better. I've not noticed any particular political bias in it."

Mr. Green (Newsagent, Stockport Rd.) "The first two copies were too left wing. I haven't had one since. It's supporting people who don't want to work and showing them benefits they can get through not working. I don't think there should be a community paper in this area, the Reporter is quite adequate."



# ONE YEAR OF WEB

WEB is one year old.
It's grown a lot in that year, and its still growing.
Every issue sells out and more copies are sold every issue.
The first issue had six pages and was an inch or so smaller than the later ones.
The second issue, the first to be sold door to door was ten pages long, and bigger. 1,000 were printed and it sold out.
Now WEB has 16 pages, still costs 5p. and 1,300 have been printed.

## Secret of Success

What's the secret of WEB's success? That's a difficult one because success for WEB isn't a matter of sales.
There are more important things. But WEB comes out pretty well here as well.
Over the last year scores of people have got themselves involved in WEB in one way or another - selling, writing, drawing, criticising, helping out at 'dos' and so on.
Another important thing has been the friendly way WEB works. Meetings are free of the kind of rivalry and petty power play that so often blights organisations.
"Dos" like the WEB folknight have been full of fun and friendliness.
But the real secret of WEB's success is NO SECRET: The West End needs a paper like WEB, and if it didn't WEB would have collapsed long ago!

But why, you might ask, does the West End need WEB?

## Why we need Web

It got along for years without a community paper didn't it? Well it did, but what years! What neglect! What a feeling of hopelessness!
WEB isn't a be-all and end-all. Its not going to change the world, only people can do that, but what it does aim to do is to get people working together so that the world (or at least the bit around here) can be changed for the better.

A copy of WEB goes to every Councillor in Tameside - free of charge - and to every local Government office.
And WEB is read by these big-nobs.
It doesn't matter that you are a tiny paper in a small, neglected area. Small can be not only beautiful but powerful too!
But, it can only be that if the people want it to be.

## What Web Costs

Every issue costs between £70 and £80 to produce. £50 of this comes from sales, the rest from ads.
Each issue makes a small profit which either goes straight back into WEB to buy more equipment, or else into WEB's small bank account at the Co-op, as an emergency fund in case costs rise, or somebody sues us!
WEB isn't in it for the money.

## Accounts

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PHOTOS OF A RECENT MEETING AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

## HOW THOUGHTFUL!

QUOTE FROM
Housing Action Area
Progress Note No. 3.

"....57 and 59 Marlborough St. have now been demolished while elsewhere in the Clearance Areas the Council is buying houses and rehousing their inhabitants before demolition occurs!"

## ANY NEWS RING~ 330 5664

# HOME SPUN YARN

Reliable sources have told WEB of a surprising discovery which could give the West End of Ashton the long-awaited status it deserves.

Ashton, unbeknownst to the rest of 18th century Britain, was the place where that far-reaching discovery of the Industrial Revolution, the Spinning Jenny, was first developed.
Well before Hargreaves and Arkwright, a local lad James Taylor, born 1724, toiling over a hot drawing board (or hot quill and parchment) struggled with strange ideas that came to him about how to 'make truer, evener and softer yarn than any common hand can spin.'

He patented his invention on 12th July 1754 and enrolled 'Taylor's machine for spinning cotton wool' before King George II in the High Court Chancery on 31st July that same year.
It seems likely that his invention contained the essential processes formerly attributed only to later models of spinning frames.
The processes described in his patent bear a striking resemblance to the new spinning process that Hargreaves first patented in 1770 and that Arkwright made his own brain-child under the familiar name of 'Spinning Jenny' as late as 1779.
A stolen idea, without so much as a word of acknowledgement or crumb of fame does not seem deserved for the inventor of such an important forerunner to the mechanical wonders of history, so WEB thinks a tribute to James Taylor, even one that is over 200 years late, is in order.
Incidentally, we have heard that similarly noteworthy talents have been fostered in the West End throughout history - inventions of far-reaching consequence which, for reasons unknown, have sunk into the mud of obscurity. So, watch this space for future startling discoveries about hidden genius in the West End!

NEXT ISSUE: "Who remembers the Johannas ?"

# A Snoopers' Charter!

THE LONDON BASED NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CIVIL LIBERTIES-THE NATION'S FREEDOM WATCH-DOG- IS SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE CONTENTS OF A HOUSING DEPT. MEMO NOW IN WEB'S POSSESSION. THE MEMO CONTAINS RECOMMENDATIONS WHICH AMOUNT TO A "SNOOPERS' CHARTER" THREATENING THE PRIVACY OF EVERY SINGLE COUNCIL TENANT IN THE AREA.

# Freedom group to investigate housing department

On the 3rd and 24th August this year a number of Housing Dept. high-ups (Messrs. Smith, Rhodes, Hodson, Keenan, Cook, Cookson, Candy, Bissel and Bryden) met to discuss, amongst other things, a tightening up of Department policy Towards 'problem families'.

This is what they decided (we are quoting from the minutes).

'Problem families to receive extra supervision before and after rehousing has taken place.

In the case of unclean dwellings, applicants to be informed that rehousing will be postponed until their existing conditions have improved to the department's satisfaction.

'In the case of new/existing good standard estates, only 'reasonable' to 'very good' standard families to be considered for vacancies. An embargo to be placed on families of a lower than average standard.

'The accepted standard would be based on the degree of cleanliness, maintenance of payment of rent, and general social attitude.

The possibility of the Housing Manager being given authority to transfer 'unsuitable' tenants from 'good' estates.'

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It's only natural that the Housing Department should be concerned with the general cleanliness of its houses and the payment of its rents.

BUT...

Is it really sensible (or humane) to put all your 'problem families' together on 'problem estates' where everyone's problems will be multiplied ?

AND who is to decide whether a family is 'low' or 'high' standard or not ? And whose standards will be used ?

AND are the children of dirty parents to be penalised by being dumped in the worst houses on the worst estates ?

AND, last of all, but most important What on earth have the 'social attitudes' of council tenants (dirty or clean) got to do with the Housing Dept. bureaucrats ?

FOR, it's not just 'problem' families who will be affected by this new ruling if it goes through. ALL council tenants will have to be vetted in order to establish just who the 'problem families' are.

A secret file will have to be kept on every tenant (they are already kept, but unofficially) detailing how 'clean'

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you are, whether you once paid your rent late or whether you mow your lawn regularly, whether you clean your windows as often as your neighbour, whether you have the right "Social Attitude" or not, in short, whether you are "low" or "high" standard or not. AND.... you will never be able to see what the council "snoops" have written about you, because under the present council rules, you have no right to see your files!

Which is why WEB passed on this memo to The National Council For Civil Liberties, as the best organisation to deal with this scand--alous attack on individual privacy.

After hearing the memo the General Secretary of the N.C.C.L. had this to say: "This is not the first time we have heard of Counc--il Housing Departments collecting detailed information about their tenants and making judgements about people on the basis of secret information with no right of appeal for the tenant concerned. WE SHALL CERTAINLY TAKE THIS UP WITH TAMESIDE!!!."

At present the N.C.C.L. are in the middle of a campaign to get tenants the legal right to inspect their files. WEB would fully support the Tameside Housing Department if it decided to introduce this right in Tameside.

# UMN THAT YOU IN KNOW

# £18 A Week For A Single Room!

THE TAMESIDE RENT OFFICE IS CONSIDERING WHETHER MR. & MRS. WALSH, THE LANDLORDS OF THE "12 APOSTLES" ON TRAFALGAR SQ. SHOULD BE FORCED TO LOWER THEIR RENTS, AT PRESENT THEY ARE CHARGING UP TO £18. A WEEK FOR A SINGLE ROOM AND WE ESTIMATE THAT THEIR TOTAL INCOME FROM 32 ROOMS TOPS £250. A WEEK.

## "Apostles" in rent scandal

Under the Rent Acts, a Landlord who charges exhorbitant rents can be forced to lower them to a 'fair' level. Tameside clearly thinks the Walshes rents are unfair, or else they would not have referred them to the Rent Officer.

But, "fair" to the layman and "fair" in the law are often two different things. For example, if you are a landlord and you decide to call your heap of bedsits a "guest house" your tenants are, miraculously, no longer tenants, but "guests" who, lo and behold, are no longer covered by the Rent Acts and so are not entitled to a "fair rent".

But, what exactly is a "guest house?"

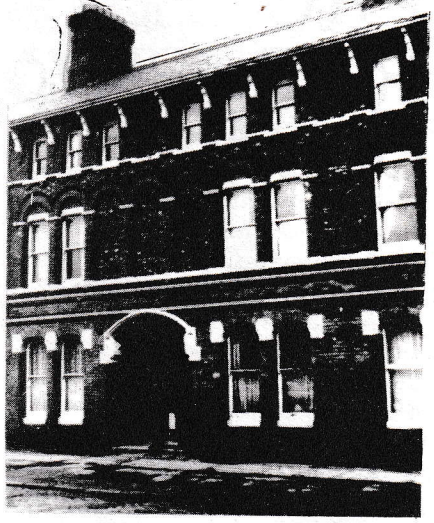
Ahah! That's just it you see! Nobody really knows!

The owners of a guest house have, by law, to provide some kind of board.

But board could, in theory, amount to nothing more than a coffee machine in the hallway!

And, the cost of a coffee machine is usually a lot less than the cost of lowering the rents to a "fair" level.

In view of this it may not surprise you to hear that last year the Walshes applied for (and got) planning permission to change some of their bedsits into a "Guest House" providing, as far as we can tell, (because security at Trafalgar Guest House is tighter than Colditz Castle), the bare minimum of 'board.'



THE "12 APOSTLES" TRAFALGAR SQUARE, WEST END OF ASHTON.

IT IS THEREFORE WITH CONSIDERABLE REGRET (BUT LITTLE SURPRISE) THAT WE HEAR THAT THE RENT OFFICER HASN'T (YET?) GOT AROUND TO VISITING THE "APOSTLES" TO SEE FOR HIMSELF. COULD IT BE THAT THE LOOPHOLE IN THE LAW IS DISCOURAGING HIM?

**WEB**

Wishes its readers a MERRY CHRISTMAS

# west park ESTATE NEWS

## PROTEST REPORT to COUNCIL

West Park Estate Tenants'-Association has produced a report protesting at the Council's plans for redevelopment of the cleared areas around the Estate. At a meeting with Judith Holding, the Divisional Planning Officer, it became clear that between Margaret St Victoria St and Welbeck St there are plans for a light industrial estate surrounded by walls. Between Victoria St, Margaret St and William St there are to be over 60 dwellings, and between Bollington St and Victoria St, more 2 and 3 storey council dwellings. Between Bollington Close and Stockport Rd there are liable to be dwellings with gardens to buffer them from the road.

## sympathy

Mr Neighbour, Chief Recreations Officer and Mr Sheldon the MP both recognise the inadequacy of leisure space and facilities in the area.
The tenants fear the tensions of living in an area crowded with children (there are already over 200 kids on the Estate) and want margins of free space instead of being walled in. The tenants back their case with the recommendations of the Campaign for Fair Play for Children. The report is to be sent to MPs, Councillors and Chief Officers.

## NEVER..?!!

Notice in a West Park Estate tower block recently:-- due to an industrial dispute there will be no emergency repairs to the lifts between 5pm-8am--or during working hours...!!!

## WEST END GOURMETS

ONCE A WEEK AT DINNER TIME A GROUP OF WEST ENDERS MEET AT THE JOHN ST. COMMUNITY CENTRE TO COOK AND EAT THE KIND OF FOOD YOU NORMALLY GET IN POSH AND EXPENSIVE-RESTAURANTS.... EXCEPT THE WAY THEY DO IT IS NEITHER POSH NOR EXPENSIVE.

It all started a few weeks ago when Arlene and Gee from the playscheme were sitting around in the Centre saying how fed up they were with pie and chips every day. They found some eggs left over from a do at the Centre, bought some beans, cooked them on the Centre cooker - more people caught the smell of food - and before very long the thing turned into an unofficial "Gourmets Club" run on the most democratic principles with anything up to fifteen local people turning up every week!

## equality ~ but class!

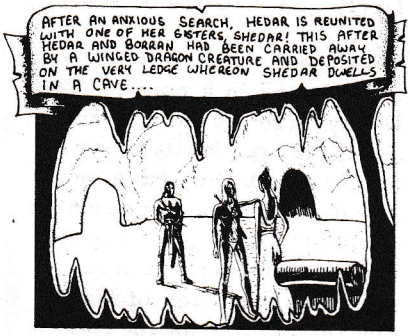
Everybody takes turns to cook and wash up (men too because they're equal with women now) and so far they have put down an impressive list of exotic foods: vindaloo curries, chilli, Ratatouille, French onion soup, and even good old tater pie! It doesn't matter that the plates are too small, that the sugar's in a cup and the salt in the sugar bowl, or the knives and forks are plastic- its the taste that counts, and when it tastes so good and only costs around 20p. per head after everything is divided up equally...who's complaining ?!!

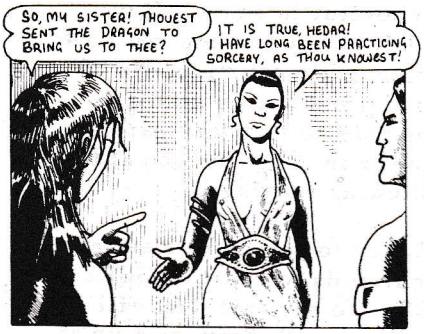
# kershaw puts the screws on spanner

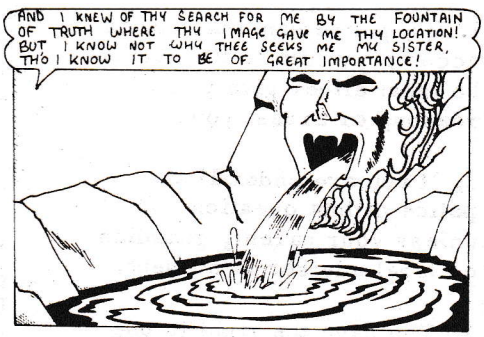
Recognise the faces? That's right, they're Ernie, Newman, and Penny from North West Spanner, the local street theatre group that's been in the news so much lately. They started off around here about 3½ years ago and have got close links with us in the West End. Every new show they've ever done has been performed at the Community Centre, and always to a packed house. Remember "Just a Cog" or "Winding Up"?
They've been in the news lately because a certain Councillor Kershaw, from Gorton, has succeeded in getting their grant stopped from the North West Arts. He says they are preaching Marxist revolution in the streets, They say they are providing theatre that reflects people's lives.

## COME TO THE SHOW

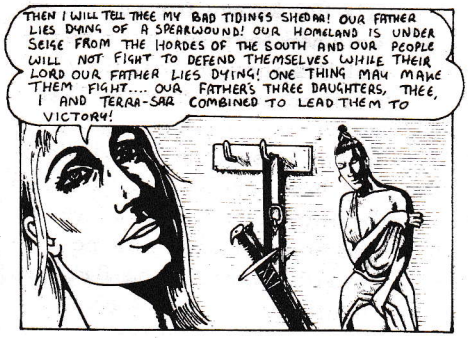
There's nothing like a controversy to get people going, so why not take advantage of this and come and see Spanner for yourself. As a special Xmas treat the Community Centre and WEB have got together to sponsor an 'Evening with North West Spanner'. They're doing their new show--a sort of Cabaret--at the Community Centre on Friday Dec. 16th at 8.00. Tickets are 25p. and with a bar from the Spread Eagle, home-cooked food and candle-lit tables you can be your own judge of what all the row has been about.
Councillor Kershaw will be specially welcome.

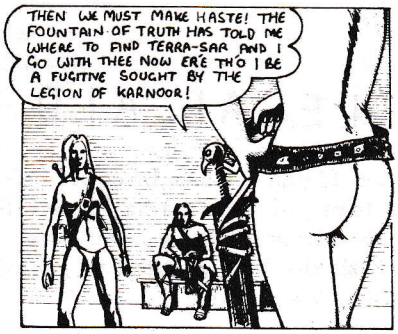


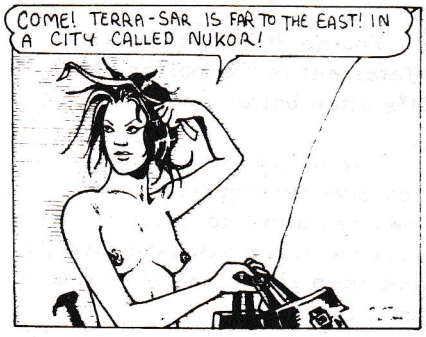



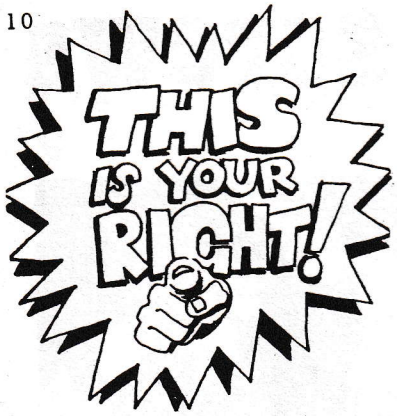




Chronicles of Pelador






# YOUR RIGHTS ON ARREST

First and foremost, the police have an important job to do, often under difficult conditions. Always be polite when a policeman stops you and co-operate with him as much as possible.

1. If a policeman asks you to accompany him to the station he must either give you a reason, or arrest you.

2. If you are under 17 the police cannot question you unless your parent, guardian or legal advisor is present.

3. You have the right to one 'phone call, use it wisely.

4. You don't have to make a statement to the police, and it's often better not to.

5. The police cannot make you give fingerprints, but they can apply to court for an order to make you give them, and keep you in cells overnight until they do.

6. When charged, ask for BAIL and if it is refused REMEMBER the police should bring you to court within 24 hours (48 at weekends). If you are not taken to court in that time you, or your parents, should complain.

7. If you have not had a chance to see a solicitor before going to court then plead NOT GUILTY. You can always change your mind later.

8. If you do not have a solicitor in court, ask for an adjournment, bail and LEGAL AID.

9. It is always better to have a solicitor in court. If you didn't have one when you first appeared in court, ALWAYS go and see one as soon as possible so that they can appear in court for you at the following hearings.

10. Try to get your relatives or friends to court as SURETIES. To say that they will make sure that you turn up at court when you are supposed to.

# LEGAL AID

11. If you appear in court before you have had a chance to get Legal Advice, you may ask the Magistrates to grant you Legal Aid.

LEGAL ADVICE
Law Centre M/c. (225 5111)
C.A.B. 205a Stamford St. AUL (330 2156)
Resources Centre, Gore St. M/cr. (834 9000 or 832 4688)
Tameside Information. Town Hall Market Pl. (330 8355).

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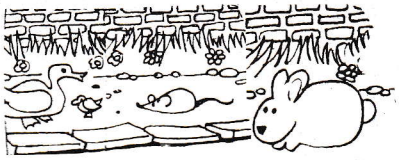


Did you know that there are Wallabies around here? Well, not exactly running down Marlborough St., but if you go onto the wild moors in Derbyshire you stand a fairly good chance of seeing one.

Like the Kangaroo they carry their young in a pouch. The Derbyshire Wallaby is known as the 'Feral Wallaby' and surprisingly they have survived our harsh and variable climate so well, that according to some experts this particular species of Wallaby is actually increasing in number.

It's not known for sure how or when they got over here but it's thought that they arrived soon after the last war.

In any case, the Feral Wallaby has survived and bred in Britain for at least 25 years and some naturalists now consider them to be British species.

# CLYDE HOUSE POWER HOUSE



CLYDE HOUSE IS A HOT BED OF COMMUNITY ACTIVITY IN THE MIDST OF THE WEST END. BASED IN CLYDE ST. IT EMPLOYS OVER 65 PEOPLE ON JOB CREATION SCHEMES AND OPERATES A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PROJECTS. WEB WENT DOWN TO FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING.

VOLUNTEER BUREAU- receives an Urban Aid grant of £7000 a year and recruits volunteers. Organises painting and decorating and gardening projects for the old and disabled. Has helped set up new organisations. Also responsible for the printing and furniture schemes.

HOUSING PROJECT- finances nearly all the projects at Clyde House. There are 61 houses on licence from Tameside which are renovated by the Job Creation Scheme and are let, at a nominal rent, to families who, for various reasons, do not qualify for council housing.

PRINTING SERVICE - provides printing and duplicating facilities for any voluntary organisation in Tameside.

'ADVICE - Offers all sorts of advice on things like gas and electricity debts, rent debts, social security and welfare rights.

WIVES PROJECT-probably the busiest project of all. Gets a grant from Social Services of £600 per year. Looks after women and their kids who have suffered violence (mental or physical) within their marriages. Since January 139 women and 272 kids have come for help.

ALCOHOLICS ANON - offers help to people with a drink problem.

MIND - gives help and support to people suffering from mental illness

FURNITURE SCHEME - people ring if they want to dispose of furniture (and all kinds of household goods). Clyde House collect and re-distribute to needy people in the area.

IF YOU THINK YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP - OR NEED SOME HELP- CONTACT CLYDE HOUSE, CLYDE ST. OR RING 339 2345. IN EMERGENCY YOU CAN RING MEG AT HOME 338 5864 OR FRANK AT HOME 330 0392.

# T.B. HORROR STORY

A DOCTOR FRIEND OF WEBS TOLD US THIS TRUE STORY OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN A LOCAL MOTHER TOOK HER DAUGHTER TO SEE HER LOCAL GP WITH A NASTY SUPPURATING LUMP ON HER NECK.....At first the GP told the mother to take her daughter home again and not to worry. 3 weeks later, with no improvement in her daughter's condition the mother returned. This time the GP gave her anti-biotic s and told the mother to bring her back in a week. A week later the GP had gone on holiday! When he returned he examined the lump again but did not prescribe any further treatment. Several months later, and 4 visits later, with the lump continuing to suppurate, the mother became more and more worried. The Health Visitor even told her "not to waste the doctor's time" with her 'pestering'. At this point the mother happened to mention her daughter's condition to a medical friend. He said it sounded like TB of the neck. The distraught mother immediately took her daughter to another GP for a second opinion. He diagnosed TB and got an appointment to see a specialist at the Ashton Hospital. Imagine her horror when she found out who the 'specialist' was. Have you guessed it? IT WAS THE VERY SAME GP WHO MANY MONTHS EARLIER HAD SENT HER AWAY TELLING HER NOT TO WORRY.

# BACK CHAT

## web gets things done

I am writing to thank you for your article in the last issue about Birch St.
At last, after two years wait, it looks like something is going to start happening with the Tameside houses that have been bricked up for so long.
This is a great relief to all the residents in this part of Birch St. and we are very grateful to WEB for their help in this matter.

G. HOGG. 9 Birch Street.

## BLUE UNDER THE BED

Whilst you are a fresh untainted news sheet, maybe you could answer me a simple question without being heavily weighted by the view of the national press.

When the miners go in for a rise they are "led by militant communist Arthur Scargill, bringing the country to its knees etc." The doctors are "people who need more money because of the inadequate pay etc." The police who recently barracked a member of the Government were "just a bit excited".

Let's change it round. Call the doctors "communist militants", the police as "needing more money" and the miners "a bit excited". Its marvellous how words can be biased to suit the requirements of the media.

L. HARRIS.

## The West End Bulletin is independent, hard hitting, and written by people like you... so... why not get involved?

ring...

**330 5664**

now!

## TAMESIDE'S off the boil

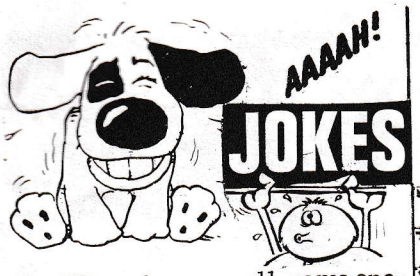
I would like to comment on the lack of repairs on the West Park Estate.
It seems that the tenants have been totally forgotten by Tameside.
I know of one family with 4 children who have waited 14 weeks to have their hot water seen to. I think that in these modern days it is ludicrous for people to boil water in buckets and carry it upstairs to fill a modern bath.
So, Tameside, get your fingers out and let's have the repairs done. You get enough rent out of us!
And, West Park Estate, next time voting comes around have a good look at your Candidate and think what he has done for you in the last term of office.
Finally, good luck to the Tenants Association, because they need all the luck in the world with Tameside.

A TENANT OF WEST PARK
& A DISGRUNTLED ASHTONIAN.

## Queen Rules O.K.

Why did a mural painted by children on the old St. Peter's school (West End) cause such a fuss by residents that it nearly became national news (eyesore - shouldn't have been done etc.)
Off Whiteacre Rd. another mural is painted on a gable end wall- just as big an eyesore, but it happens to be a Union Jack and a portrait of the Queen. Not one mention by residents in the local paper etc. It makes you think doesn't it ?

ANON




Q. What do you call some one who looks through a butcher's window?
A. A mince spy.

Q. Who goes Oh Oh Oh?
A. Father Christmas laughing backwards.

Q. What is the best way to catch a rabbit?
A. Hide behind a bush and make a noise like a lettuce.

Q. How do you make an apple puff?
A. Chase it around the garden

POTTY PUNS

ANSWER - Uncles and answer part of the family.

CENSUS - Have you taken leave of your census?

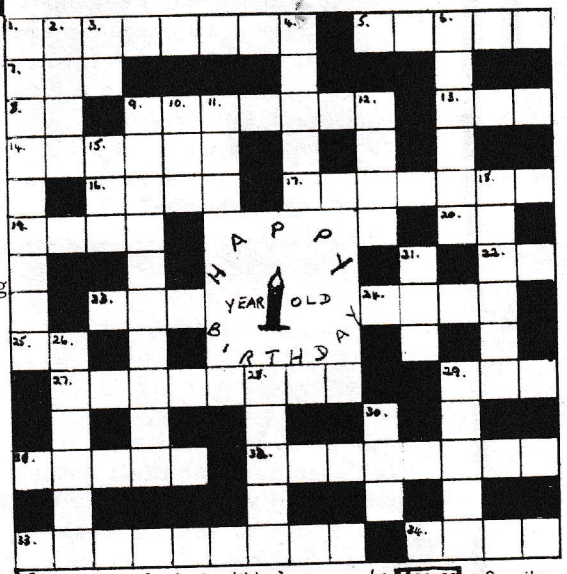
EASE - ease a friend of mine.

GUNNER - I'm gunner miss you.

KEEPSAKES - daily exercises keepsakes away.

SEMAPHORE - semaphore me, the rest are for you.

# WEB WORD




**CLUES.**

**Across**

1. Large Bird.
5. A gang.
7. Rodent.
8. Pronoun.
9. Shortness.
13. Pet idea, craze.
14. Book Binding.
16. Cereal Plants.
17. Sickly.
19. Fine linen.
20. Motoring Association
22. Perform.
23. Girls Name.
24. Curve.
25. Therefore.
27. Bright handkerchief.
29. Catch.
31. Number.
32. Upright.
33. Equal Measurement.
34. Suitor.

**Down**

1. Silly.
2. Recent in date.
3. Near to.
4. Hatred.
6. Palm Fibre.
9. Pudding.
10. Furrow.
11. Type measure.
12. Small Boat.
15. Humble.
18. Joint of mutton.
21. Allow.
26. To haunt.
28. Not at all.
29. Recess.
30. Place to keep pigs.

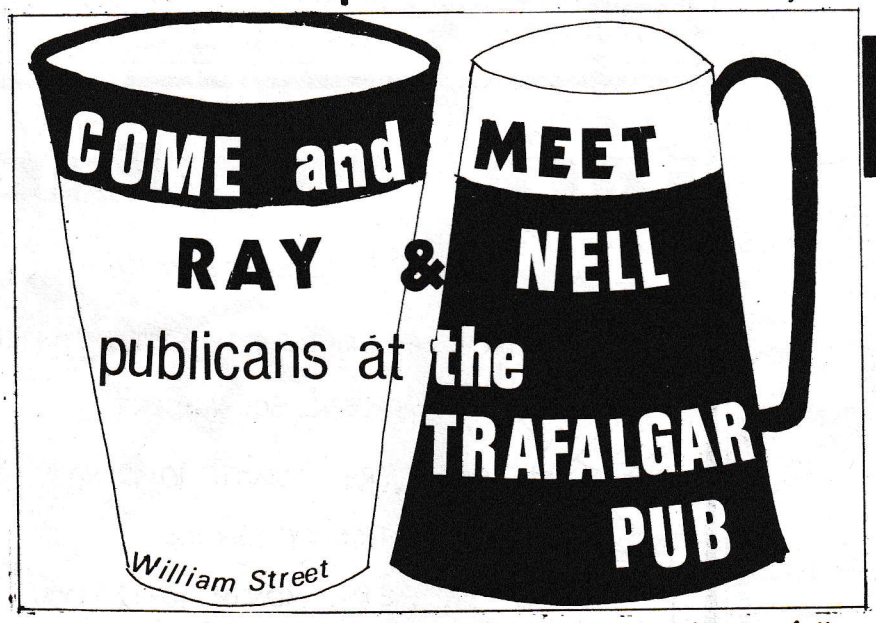
**Answers** to last editions crossword → **Across** 1. Paprika. 5. May. 6. P.S. 8. Elation. 9. Amoeba. 11. Be. 13. No. 14. Won. 16. Nab. 18. It. 19. Ideal. 20. Uni. 21. Off. 22. Sty. 23. Idyll. 25. Eric. 26. Rabid. **Down** 1. Pageantry. 2. Rapt. 3. Amen. 4. Aye. 7. Significance. 9. Annular. 10. Moan. 12. Ell. 15. Very. 17. Bi. 22. Stilts. 24. Lac. 25. Emery. 27. Alum.

## WEB's CHRISTMAS competition

## paint ~ a ~ gran

You can use anything you want, watercolours, posterpaint, gouache, oils, to paint your granny - doing anything or nothing, in any position. The size of the paper or canvas is up to you. Just send your entries to us c/o Ryecroft Cottage, William St. A.U.L. by 1st Jan. (£1. prize to winner of each category: under 5's, 5-10, 10-16, over 16)

COME ON PARENTS, YOU HAVE A GO TOO!

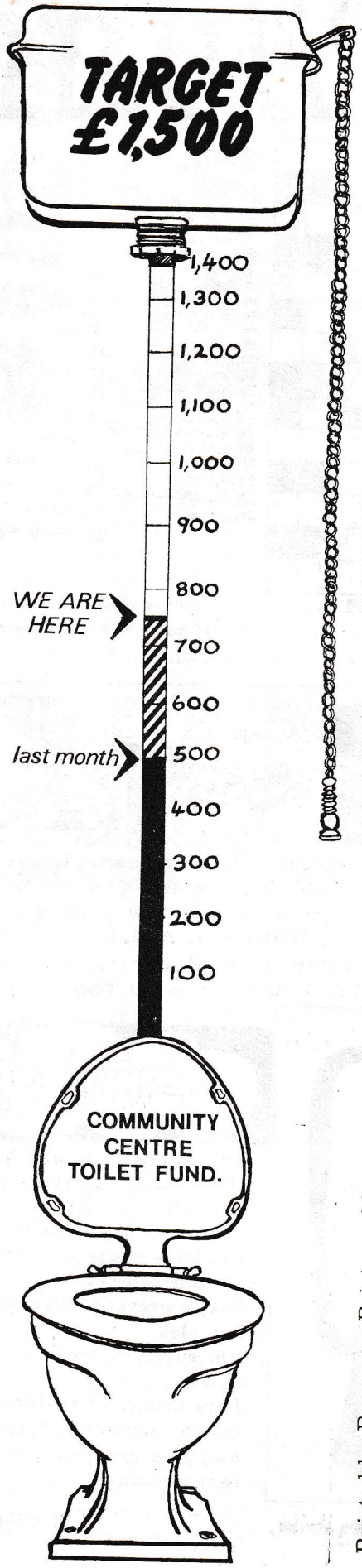




RAY and NELL HANDS wish to thank all their customers for their loyal patronage during the recent brewery strike.


## POEM

Ashton could be nice & clean
Don't make our streets look obscene
If only we all muck together
I'm sure youre at the end
of your tether.
So I've wrote to WEB with
my plea
I'm sure you tenants all
agree
Lets bring our children up
in a town spick and span
And give our children the
best we can.

J. SIMNER.




# PLAYSCHEME EVENTS

After the success of a terrific bonfire and a great weekend away, plans for December are really under way. Things are going to happen like lightening through to Christmas, so why not get involved right at the beginning so as not to miss out on any of the fun?

*LOTS TO DO*

We'll be going roller skating, camping, to a rock musical and hoping to put on a show of our own. Not to mention doing our own Xmas party and disco. Come along Monday, Thurs, Friday, after school and see what's going on and tell Arlene, Gee or Gill what you fancy doing. They will also see you back across Stockport Rd. if your mum or dad is a bit worried about the traffic or the dark.

# WHAT'S ON

DEC. 16th SPANNER 8.00. Community Centre. 25p.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Candle lit Carol Service
18th Dec. 6.30.

WELFARE RIGHTS COURSE.
Every Tues. 7.30.
Housing Aid Centre A.U.L.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH
Torchlit Carol Procession
Brass Band. 21st Dec.

VOLUNTEER BUREAU.
AGM Ashton Town Hall.
Nov. 30th 7.30 p.m.

XMAS EVE 11.30 St. Peter's
Midnight communion.

YOU'RE A STAR. Rock musical St. Barnabas Church Hattersley, Dec 6-10th.
Kids 30p. Adults 60p.

DEC. 15th St. Peter's Church
Carol Nativity. 7.p.m.

# SMALL ADS

B. HULME, poss. living in Pottinger St. has won the Mums and Tots Xmas hamper. Can she/he please claim it from the community Centre.

FRESH VEG. locally grown in season, delivered direct to door. Reasonable prices, why not give it a try? 330 5664.

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Coloured bars, raised base.
Good condition. £5.00.
Tel. 330 1359.

WANTED Any equipment for Playscheme - wood, tools, paper, paint, cardboard etc.
Phone: 339 2728. Will collect.

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# Face to Face

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